

sequence selected from the group of amino acid sequences
represented by SEQ ID NO: 34 to NO: 40, or a protein
comprising an amino acid sequence in which one or several
amino acids are deleted, substituted or added in the amino
acid sequence of said protein, and having an activity related
to IgA nephropathy, comprising:

Q'
culturing the transformant according to claim
12 in a medium to produce and accumulate said protein in the
culture; and

recovering said protein from the resulting
culture.

Q² 15. (Amended) A method for immunologically
detecting the protein according to claim 9 using [the] an
antibody [according to claim 14] which recognizes the
protein.

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 15 are amended in order to comply
with accepted U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.